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The Honorable Edward T. Schafer
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
14th Street & Independence Avenue
Room 200-A, Administration Building
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Schafer:

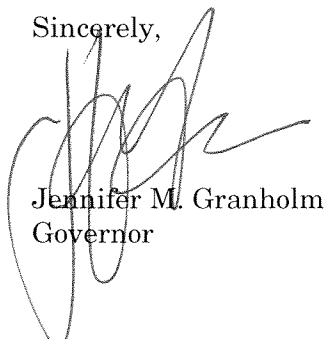
A natural disaster has occurred in the state of Michigan that will result in 2008 production losses in fruit, vegetables, and other frost/freeze sensitive crops. Consistent with United States Department of Agriculture policy, we are informing you of the current situation in Michigan.

The following weather event occurred: Beginning March 1 to May 31, 2008, several frost/freeze and cold dry weather occurred in fifty-five Michigan counties. The following fifty-five (55) counties have been impacted:

Alger	Eaton	Livingston	Oakland
Allegan	Emmet	Luce	Oceana
Antrim	Genesee	Mackinac	Otsego
Barry	Grand Traverse	Macomb	Ottawa
Bay	Ingham	Manistee	Presque Isle
Benzie	Ionia	Marquette	Schoolcraft
Berrien	Isabella	Mason	Shiawassee
Calhoun	Jackson	Mecosta	St. Clair
Cass	Kalamazoo	Midland	St. Joseph
Charlevoix	Kalkaska	Missaukee	Tuscola
Cheboygan	Kent	Monroe	Van Buren
Chippewa	Lake	Montcalm	Washtenaw
Clinton	Lapeer	Muskegon	Wayne
Delta	Leelanau	Newaygo	

Damage assessment information is being collected by the USDA Farm Service Agency and will be forwarded to your office as soon as it is available after October 1, 2008. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor